

(Emphasis in original.) It appears that the Hudson casino proposal was discussed by MIGA lobbyists in the very same breath as issues of political fund-raising.¹¹⁸

At the next MIGA meeting, the Hudson dog track was again on the agenda. The minutes reflect that BlueDog and another attorney reported on the Hudson casino proposal and, at the end of the report, McCarthy was “directed to again address the issue with the B.I.A.”¹¹⁹ There was also discussion about political activity by the Minnesota tribes. In particular, Kitto reported on “the research that he has been doing on political action committees and political funds.” It appears contributor limits were also discussed.¹²⁰ McCarthy was “instructed to file an application for a political fund.”¹²¹

At the Oct. 24 meeting, McCarthy reported that the political fund had been set up and was ready to be used; in fact, MIGA had already received requests for contributions from both parties. MIGA named its political fund “Education Committee for Equality in Government,” and it was registered with the Minnesota Ethical Practices Board as a state PAC. BlueDog volunteered to be chairman of the PAC, while McCarthy became treasurer. The PAC was initially funded by dues from the tribes totaling \$39,000.

On Nov. 4, 1994, President Clinton appeared as a guest speaker at a fund-raiser in Duluth, Minn., for Ann Wynia, a Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate. MIGA, through its

¹¹⁸Asunma and Anzelec are state lobbyists. Asunma’s clients include the Lower Sioux and Fond Du Lac, while Anzelec’s include the Prairie Island. Our understanding is that, because they work at the state level, neither had active involvement in the Hudson matter.

¹¹⁹MIGA Meeting Minutes, Sept. 6, 1994.

¹²⁰*Id.*

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